



TABOO TATTOO

SHINJIRO

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SORRY! I'M
IN A HURRY,
SO YOU'LL
HAVE TO CALL
FOR HELP
YOURSELF!

AND TAKE
CARE OF
YOUR
HEAT

WAVE
YOUR
HANDS
AND
GET
YOUR
THERM
THERM



HEAT
HEAT—
OH,
OH,
OH,
OH,
OH!!

YOUR
FINGER
OF
THAT'S
ALL. YOU
SHOULD
BE FINE.
MY ENTIRE
JAW'S A
PROB-
THEM!



YOU'VE
GONE FERAL
WHILE
YOU WERE
AWAY...

YOU'RE
WILD.

EASY,
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HOW
APATHETIC
AND COLD
YOU CAN
BE...



FINGER
LUBRICANT
FOR
HANDS
AND
FINGERS
USE
ON
HANDS
AND
FINGERS
USE
ON
HANDS
AND
FINGERS

YOUR
HANDS
AND
FINGERS



TAMA!
WHAT'S THAT?!



96% Alcohol

HMM? NEVER
SEEN SPIRITS
BEFORE?
I CARRY THIS
WITH ME FOR
WHEN I WANNA
GET DRUNK,
BUT I CAN ALSO
USE IT AS A
DISINFECTANT.

IT ALSO MAKES FOR
A GREAT HOLYDAY
COCKTAIL.



SORRY,
BUT COULD
YOU
BANDAGE
ME UP?

MY RIGHT
ARM GOT
A LITTLE
SCRAPPED UP
AND NOW
I CAN'T
MOVE IT.



HMM?
BUT WHERE
ON EARTH
DO YOU
STASH
IT...?

MY
POCKET,
OF
COURSE.
DON'T BE
SILLY.



THERE.
NOW LET'S
HURRY
TO WHERE
SEIGI IS!



I'VE
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
THIS GUY
TO BE AN
EXTRAORDINARY
COMMON
SENSE AND
REALITY...

ALSO
TAMA
IS
ALSO
ONE OF
TAMA'S
SPECIAL
CREST'S
POWERS

WHAT
KINDS OF
POWERS
DOES
THIS GUY
HAVE...?





IT'S LIKE
I CAN SEE
THE BRINK
OF DEATH
BEFORE
ME NOW. ...



EVEN MY
LIMITED
POWER
CAN SEE HER
MOVING
ACROSS
ARMADILLO
HIDE-OUT
FORWARD.



IF I
STEP EVEN
ONE INCH INTO
HER SWORD'S
RANGE, SHE'LL
GET ME WITH A
DOWNSLASH OF
HER BLADE.

THE
QUESTION
IS—WHAT
WILL SHE
TARGET?



THERE'S ALSO
THE CHANCE
SHE'LL GO FOR
A FATAL BLOW
AND TARGET
MY HEAD.

IF SHE
WERE TO CUT MY
STOMACH, I COULD
STRASSER ON
BUT IF SHE SLICES
THROUGH MY ENTIRE
TORSO, THAT'LL
OBVIOUSLY TAKE
ME OUT.

WILL
SHE SLICE
AT MY FEET
TO PREVENT
ME FROM
GETTING ANY
CLOSER?





THANKS
FOR THE CONSIDERATION.

HE
PRAGMATICALLY USED MY JEWEL.



NOW,
COME AT ME.



I'M CLOSING MY EYES TO KEEP FROM GETTING DISTRACTED.



I WOULD NEVER BE SO FOOLISH AS TO LOOK AT MY TARGET.



I WOULD NEVER BE SO FOOLISH AS TO LOOK AT MY TARGET.



I'M GOING
TO GO WHERE
BB COULDN'T
ON HIS OWN

THEN
HERE I
COME.



YOU'RE
STRONG.

STRONGER
THAN YOU

STRONGER
THAN YOU







*YOU'RE
ALREADY
DEAD!!*

*DON'T
STOP!*

BLACK
CRASH
BLACK
JUMP
JUMP





THAT'S
RIGHT.

THAT'S
YOUR
SWORD...



WHY
...

...
ARE YOU
ALWAYS
ONE STEP
AHEAD
...?7



...WAS
THAT
...?7

HAH.

HOW
DID THAT
...?7

HOW
...

HAH.







LONG
TIME
NO SEE.
WHAT'S
IT
BEEN?
A
YEAR?

HEY,
ARISE.



I
WASN'T
EXPECT-
ING YOU
TO BEAT
CAL.

I DIDN'T
THINK IT
WAS OUT
OF THE
QUESTION,
BUT I
CERTAINLY
DIDN'T
ACCOUNT
FOR IT.



HERE,
SEIJI...



I WAS TORN
BETWEEN GIVING
THEM TO YOU OR
TO HER PARENTS,
SO I HELD ON
TO THEM THIS
WHOLE TIME.

BUT
AT THIS
POINT,
WE CAN'T
LEAVE ANY
TRACES
BEHIND.

YOU WERE
DISTRACTED
AT THE TIME,
SO I GRABBED
THESE FOR
YOU.



WELL,
IT'S SOME-
THING TO
REMEMBER
HER BY,
RIGHT?



YOU
KEEP
THEM

THEY'RE
FOUR-
CHAIN'S



...BUT
I REALLY
DO REGRET
HAVING EVER
INVOLVED
HER FROM
THE VERY
START...

I KNOW THAT
AT THIS POINT
AN APOLOGY
WON'T DO
MUCH GOOD...

I'M
SORRY



BUT



IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT,
BARX



NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH FLAK
I GET FOR IT,
I STILL HAVE
NO RIGHT
TO ASK
FORGIVE-
NESS...

IT'S
FINE



AND I HATE
MYSELF
MORE THAN
ANYONE.

HATE.

I HATE THE
PRINCESS.

HATE.

HATE.



YOU'VE
ALREADY
SUFFERED
ENOUGH SINCE
LOSING US AND
YOUR ARMY
TEAMMATES.
HAVEN'T YOU?



...AND
THE
PRIN-
CESS.

THAT
ONE...

IT WAS
THE KINGDOM
THAT KILLED
TOUNG.



I
DON'T
BLAME
YOU
ALL.

TOUNG DIED
BECAUSE I
WASN'T STRONG
ENOUGH.





I DON'T
MIND
IF IT
COSTS
ME MY
LIFE.

MY
BLOOD,
FLESH,
AND
BONE.

MY
SOURCE
CAN
CONSUME
ME FOR
ALL I
CARE.

I'LL
GIVE IT
MY VERY
SOUL...



...IF IT
MEANS
I CAN
KILL
YOU!!



IS
THIS THE
"DESTINED
BATTLE"
THEY TALK
ABOUT IN
SHOUNEN
MANGA?

GUESS
I'LL CURB MY
STRENGTH
AND PLAY FOR
A LITTLE BIT

BUT I'LL
STILL BE A
WHOLE LOT
BEFORE I'M
STABLE





THAT
BEING SAID,
I WON'T
LET YOU LAY
A SINGLE
FINGER
ON ME.



IF YOU WANT
TO KILL ME SO
BADLY YOU'RE
WILLING TO
DISTORT BE'S
PRINCIPLES,
MAY BE IT FROM
ME TO GRAY
YOU THAT
CHANCE.

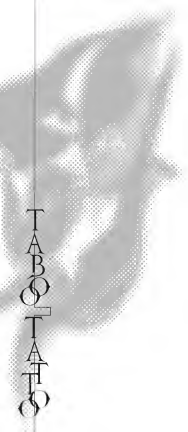
VOID MAKER
IS THE
POWER TO
MIGHT ALL
THINGS.

IF THE
WISPER
WISHES IT,
THEY CAN
EASILY
WRECK OUT
ONE LITTLE
PERSON.

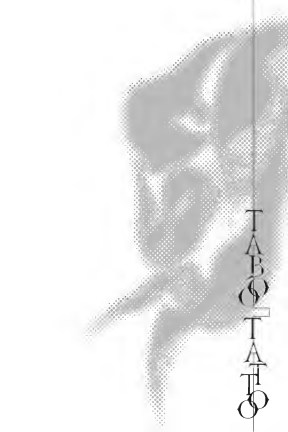


PLEASE
LET US
MAKE IT IN
TIME—!





TABOO TATH



TABLO TATLO





SPROUTING A
FEW FEATHERS
WON'T CHANGE
A THING.

I'M GONNA
SEND YOU FLYING
TO THE AFTERLIFE
WITH THIS!



HAVE...

...A
TASTE
...

...OF...



HEH.

WINGS
THAT
CAN'T FLY
ARE JUST
DECORATIONS.

CAN
YOU REALLY
FLY
WITH
SUCH
HEAVY
ROCKS
FOR
WINGS
?



WHAT'S WRONG
WITH
DECORATION?



SHUT
UP AL-
READY
—!!



WHILE
IT'S TRUE
THEY'RE
SIMPLY
DECORATIVE,
YOU
MISUNDER-
STAND.

THESE
WINGS
ARE THE
PHYSICAL
MANIFESTATION OF
A RULER'S
MAJESTY.

EVEN
WITHOUT
WINGS,
I CAN
STILL
FLY.







**WHY
CAN'T I
BREAK
THROUGH
THAT
POWER
!?**



**WHY
CAN'T I
USE
THAT
POWER
!?**



**YOU HATED AND
HATED, AND WHEN
YOU COULDN'T
HATE ANY MORE,
YOU REAPPEARED
BEFORE ME, JUST
AS I KNEW YOU
WOULD.**



**HOW
DARE YOU**



**HA
HAI**

**BUT YOU, THE
CENTRAL
PLAYER,
ARE
ACTUALLY
EVEN
WEAKER
THAN YOU
WERE
BEFORE.
UNBELIEV-
ABLE.**



IF WE
WERE TO
TAKE AWAY
THE SPELL
CREST
SEAL, YOU
BASICALLY
WOULDN'T
HAVE ANY
SKILLS TO
BEAT ME.

.....I
DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
BACK
THEN...

...BUT
YOU ARE
UNABLE TO
WIELD YOUR
POWER NOW
BECAUSE YOU
CHOSE THE
WRONG PATH,
ENSLAVED BY
YOUR OWN
EGO.

I JUST
BEAT CAL—
AND YOU'RE
TRYING TO
TELL ME
I'M WEAKER
THAN I WAS
A YEAR
AGO??



YOU
THREW
AWAY
THE ONLY
SHOT YOU
HAD AT
BEATING
ME—

NOW
YOU'RE
JUST
WEAK.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
SAYING??



AAAH!
THE SIGNAL!



W-WHAT?

THE
40L'S
DYING
IN...



WHOA!



THIS IS
REALLY,
REALLY
DRAWDY!

THIS IS
BAD...

N-N-NOW
I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT'S
GOING ON
DOWN
THERE!



WRETCHED.

DISPRAISED.

THOSE WHO
RULE HAVE ALL
THE POWER. TO
BE TRULY STRONG
IS TO CONTROL
THE WEAK— BOTH
THEIR ENVIRONMENT
AND THEIR STATE
OF MIND, COMPELLING
THEM TO SERVE
WHILE LEAVING
THEM NONE
THE WISER.

THE WEAK
FALL UNDER
THE STRONG'S
CONTROL, UNAWARE
OF THEIR OWN
IGNORANCE. TAINTED
BY ILLOGICAL
EMOTION, THEY
UNKNOWINGLY
KNEEL BEFORE
THEIR MASTERS
LIKE SLAVES.

PATNETIC.



YOU'VE BEEN
DANCING IN
THE PALM OF
MY HAND ALL
THIS TIME.

I'M SURE
YOU GET
WHAT I'M
TRYING
TO SAY.



ALL
THAT'S
LEFT IS
FOR ME TO
TAKE THIS
HAND...



...AND
CRUSH
YOU.







THEN
WE'VE GOT
NO CHOICE
BUT TO GO
IN THROUGH
THE ORIGINAL
CAVERN
ENTRANCE
THAT
ALREADY
CONNECTS
TO THE
RUNS.

THAT'S
QUITE A
ROUND-
ABOUT
WAY, BUT...

THE
RUNS
ARE
ABOUT
TWO-
HUN-
DRED
METERS
BELOW
US...

IF EVERYTHING
BELOW IS SEALED
UP, THEN EVEN ONE
OF MY BUSHES WILL
HAVE A HARD TIME
SETTING ALL THE
WAY THROUGH TO
THE BOTTOM...

WE'VE
GOT NO
TIME TO
WASTE!

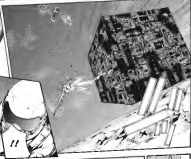
WHAT
DO WE
DO?

AT THIS
POINT, WE
EITHER HAVE
TO DIG OUT
THE HOLE OR
FIND ANOTHER
ROUTE.....

SEIGI
.....









"LOOKS
LIKE THIS
IS THE
END OF
THE ROAD
FOR ME..."

"I'M SORRY,
PRINCESS..."



"LET
THERE
BE A NEW
WORLD
ORDER!"

"THE
PASSING
OF DEATH
UPON
HUMANITY!"



GO
HUG
HUG
HUG
HUG
HUG!!



NO.....
YOU
GOTTA
BE
KIDDING
ME!

JUST AS
SOON AS
I'M DONE
WITH THIS
REGION...

I KNOW,
KENNY!

WE'VE
GOT TO
GET TO
HQ,
RE-
LAXED!



SUCH A
LARGE-SCALE
CONCENTRATION
OF POWER MUST
BE THE SHIELD
CONQUERED AND
DESTROYED...

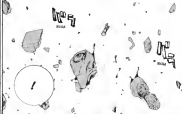
I DON'T
THINK I'D
ENJOY THIS PART





IT LOOKS LIKE IT...
SELF-DESTRUCTED.

IT TOOK THE ENEMY
DOWN WITH IT...?



NO TIME
TO GET
SENTIMENTAL.

LET'S
HEAD FOR
SEISH-
KUN'S
LOCATION.

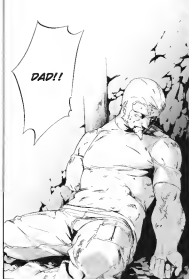


.....A
LOT OF
PEOPLE
PROBABLY
GOT
CAUGHT
UP IN
THAT...



...BUT
FOR
BETTER
OR FOR
WORSE,
IT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
PAVED THE
WAY FOR
US.





DAD!!



!!



SHERGM...
WHERE
HAVE
YOU BEEN
ALL THIS
TIME?



I THOUGHT
I TOLD YOU
TO CALL ME
CAPTAIN.



TH...
THAT
VOICE...
DAD?
—?



HURRY UP.

HURRY UP.

THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU ACTING ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT PERMISSION IS A NEW THING.

HEAT



I...I'M SORRY.



I CAN'T MOVE, BUT MY BODY'S FINE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME GET TO THAT BLIND SITE.....

STOP THE PRINCESS.

IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE BEING RUINED.

HEED MY ORDERS, BASTARD.

ANYWAY... THERE IS NO TIME TO CATCH UP!

I'M IN NO POSITION TO BE TAKING COMMAND ANYMORE, BUT.....



I KNOW.



THERE'S
SOMETHING
I HAVE TO
DO THERE
AS WELL.



Abstract

IT'S JUST
AS SHE SAID.
MAYBE I
REALLY WAS
NOTHING
MORE THAN A
CLOWN.....

.....SO
THIS IS THE
END OF THE
ROAD AFTER
DEALING
WITH SPELL
CHECKS FOR
MORE THAN
TEN YEARS.

THE WHAT IF



HOW SHE'S
HEADING
STRAIGHT
FOR IT
WITHOUT
HESITATION

EVEN
WHILE TAKING
PART IN THE
SPELL CREST
RESEARCH,
SHE NEVER
ONCE STEPPED
FOOT IN THE
SCENE OF THE
CRIME AFTER
THE ACCIDENT.

I ALSO
MADE BADLY
SUFFER

BUT SHE'S
GOTTEN
STRONGER
FOR IT.



I'M NOT
ABOUT TO
LET THE
PRINCESS
LEAVE HERE
ALIVE.

IF WE
LET HER GO
NOW, MORE
INNOCENT
BLOOD WILL
FLOW.

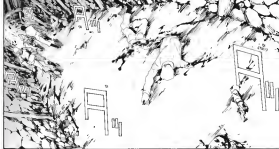
WORST-CASE
SCENARIO, WE
BLOW UP THE
ENTIRE GRAND
CANYON ALONG WITH
HER USING THE
SELF-DESTRUCT
NUCLEAR BOMB
PLANTED BELOW
THE RUINS SITE.



I'M
SORRY
I WAS
SUCH A
TERRIBLE
FATHER,
UP TO
THE VERY
END...



...BUT
I HAVE A
DUTY TO
PROTECT
THIS
COUNTRY.



THAT
ROBBED
ME OF
MOM, DAD,
AND YOU.

BACK
TO THIS
AWFUL
PLACE...

SO, IN
THE END,
I'VE COME
BACK.





PERHAPS IT
WAS YOU WHO
BROUGHT US
TOGETHER.

HEI HAD
REPORTED TO
THE CAPTAIN THE
MOMENT I MET
THE PERSON
COMPATIBLE WITH
THE KEYLESS
SPELL CREST.
I WOULD NEVER
HAVE COME
BACK HERE.

IF I
HADN'T BEEN
TEMPORARILY
DELUSIONAL AND
SHELTERED
SEIGI...

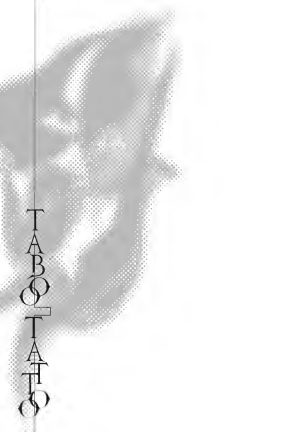


I WON'T
LET SEIGI
DIE!

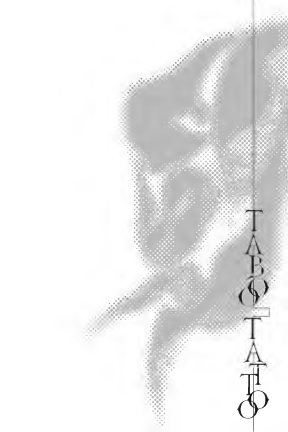
I'M
SEVERING
MYSELF
FROM
MY FATE
HERE AND
NOW.

THIS TIME,
I'M GOING
TO BE THE
PROTECTOR.





TABOO TATHS



TABLO TATLO



THIS
DOESN'T
LOOK
GOOD



WE'VE
GOT
VIDEO
OF THE
INTERIOR
AGAIN!

THE
SIGNAL'S
BACK
ONLINE!



#42 QUALIFIED

TRANSLATED BY



THAT'S
BECAUSE THE
KEYLESS SPELL
CREST IS NOT
ONLY THE KEY
TO ACTIVATE THE
RULING SITE...

...IT'S ALSO
FITTED WITH
THE BASIC
FUNCTIONS
NEEDED TO
OPERATE IT.

THE KEYLESS
SPELL CREST
UNLIKE THE
SPELL CRESTS
OF THE RAGDOLL,
IS EQUIPPED WITH
MULTIPLE
ABILITIES.



THEIR
ABILITIES AND
FUNCTIONS
CORRESPOND
WITH EACH
OTHER.

UWOOOOAH!!



AND
THE
SPELL
CREST
SEAL IS
SHUT
DOWN.



VOID
ARMOR IS THE
INITIALIZE
FUNCTION.



THE
REGEN-
ERATIVE
ABILITY
IS TRUE
TO ITS
NAME—
RESTORE.





KAH!



IS THIS BECAUSE...
I'VE USED
TOO
MUCH
OF MY
POWER?
IT

POSSIBLY...
BUT NOW...

NOT
NOW...





WHAT
ONE NEEDS
TO CONTROL
THE SPELL
CRAFT SPELL
IS A HIGH
COMPATIBILITY
RATE ON THE
PART OF THE
SABLES, AS
WELL AS...



THE
ANTITHESIS
OF THE SELF-
SATISFACTION
THAT COMES AHEAD
IN HAND WITH
SUCH THINGS
AS REVENGE.

...THE
SPIRIT OF
"ALTRUISM"
AND "SELF-
SACRIFICE."



KAH!



TAKE
HIDE





THE
OLD GODS
ARE SIMPLY
FICTIONAL
CREATIONS.
THESE
CONCEPTS.

THEY
WERE NOTHING
MORE THAN
CORROSIVE IDEAS
THAT KINDLED THE
FIRES OF WAR AND
LOCKED THE LIGHT
OF INTELLIGENCE
INTO A DARK
CASE.

AND FOR
THAT...I WILL
GLADLY OFFER
UP MY LIFE AS
A SACRIFICE TO
THIS NEWBORN
GOD.

THE GOD
I WILL
CRAFT
WILL BE A
CREATION OF POSSI-
BILITIES
DEVOTED
TO THIS
WORLD AND
ALL LIFE.

AND IT'S
BECAUSE
I LOVE
IT THAT
I MUST
DESTROY
ITS
PEOPLE.

I CARE
FOR THEM.
THEREFORE,
THEY MUST
BE DENIED.

SOMEONE IS
ABUSING MY
OVERSIGHTING,
AND CONSIDERED
IS YOU?

AND
YOU'RE
SAYING
YOU
HAVE
THOSE
QUALI-
TIES?

THERE'S
NO ONE WHO
LOVES THIS
PAINFUL
WORLD AND
THE LIVES
THAT FILL IT
MORE THAN
ME.



DEEP
DOWN,
SHE'S
INTENSELY
DENYING
HERSELF.

WHILE
DENYING THE
SADISTIC ACTS OF
THE FORMER KING,
SHE LOATHES
HERSELF FOR
HAVING THOSE
SAME SADISTIC
TENDENCIES.



AS THEY
STAY
CLOSE
TOGETHER



IN HER
CASE,
SHE'S
DENYING
HALF OF
HERSELF.

SELF
SACRIFICE...



SHE
CAN'T
KEEP
STILL.

AND
YET, SHE'S
TRANSLATING
THOSE
DESIRES INTO
ACTIONS.



SO
SHE'D
RATHER,
BY HER
OWN
HAND—

THOUGH
PERHAPS
THAT'S
GOING
TOO
FAR.

IN
OTHER
WORDS,
SHE'S
A SELF
CONTRA-
DICTION.

THAT
LEADS
TO SELF-
DENIAL.





YOU'VE GOT
WISDMAN,
THE FORMER
U.S. ARMY
SPELL CREST
RESEARCHER,
BACKING YOU
UP, RIGHT?

I'VE
LOOKED
INTO
HIM.

EITHER HE
DISMISSED
THE MINOR
POSSIBILITY
HIMSELF...

MY
WOUNDS
AREN'T
HEALING

KNOWING HIM,
HE PROBABLY
KNEW THE
REASON WHY YOU
CAN'T CONTROL
YOUR SPELL
CREST SEAL—
BUT DIDN'T
TELL YOU.



SOAKED
IN POISON,
PERHAPS.

WELL,
WELL,
SABO'S
GOT ME
FIGURED
OUT.



.....OR
HE NEVER
BELIEVED
THAT A BOY
LIKE YOU HAD
WHAT IT TOOK
TO DEFEAT ME
IN THE FIRST
PLACE—

MAYBE HE
WAS EVEN
PLANNING
ON FEEDING
YOU TO ME?



REACH!



DAMN!

REACH
TO ALL...

...WON'T IT
REACH...!?



WISEMAN,
CAN YOUR
POWERS
REALLY
REACH
ALL NET

APPAR-
ENTLY
THEY
HAVE
A
SIGNAL
IN
JAPAN.

"IF
YOU'RE
SERIOUS,
YOU
MAY
BE
ABLE
TO
REACH
THE
PLAYS."



WENT
DOWN
ON
JANUARY
15TH?



REACH

GOH...
HARASH





SMALL
PRY...



SOMEBODY
ANYBODY
ANSWER ME!

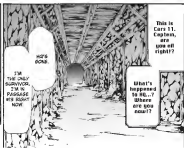
THIS IS
BANDAGE

ANYONE
THERE?



BUT
FORGET
ABOUT
THAT.
GIVE ME
A SIT-
TER!

JUST
WHATEVER
YOU CAN
GRAB



NO'S
NONE.

I'M
THE ONLY
SURVIVOR.
I'M IN
PASSAGE
AND ABOUT
NOW

This is
Core 11.
Captain,
are
you all
right?

What's
happened
to me...?
Where
are you
now??



IT MIGHT
BE TIME
TO THROW
IN THE
TOWEL...

I SEE



The
skorrt
we were
targeting
a sub-
destroyer
just moments
ago... It
seems, we
believe
it did.

Approx-
imately two
kilometers
in every
direction
from the
northern
end of the
ruin site
vanished.

Communi-
cation has been
interrupted
between
the majority
of our land
units and the
helicopters.

We believe
they got
caught up
in this...

We're right
above you
as we speak.
We'll send
men down to
rescue you,
so please
wait —

I DON'T
NEED
RESCU-
ING.



JUST
LEAVE
ME.

WITHDRAW
ALL UNITS
FROM THE
GRAND
CANYON.

YOU'RE IN
COMMAND
NOW.



THIS
PLACE IS
GOING TO
BECOME
A LIVING
HELL.





I
HAVE TO
AVENGE
TOMOKO
...!

I HAVE
TO DO
THIS!

I
HAVE
TO!



I'LL
BUY
YOU
SOME
TIME.

TOM-
DARE

GET OUT
OF HERE
AND TAKE
SEIJI-HIM
WITH YOU.





**I WANT TO
FIGHT FOR
THOSE STILL
LIVING.**

**SEN-
KUN,
WHY
DO YOU
FIGHT?**

**WHO
DO YOU
FIGHT
FOR?**

**YOU CAN
PICK UP THE
BONES OF
THOSE WHO'VE
DIED, BUT
NOBODY CAN
PICK UP THE
SOULS OF
THE DEAD.**



**IT'S
TOO
MUCH
FOR YOU
ON YOUR
OWN,
TAMAKI.**



.....



YOU
CAN
STILL
GROW.

SEID,
YOUR
TIME
HASN'T
COME
YET.

YOU
NEED
TO
MAKE
IT
MOVE
ALIVE.

YOU
CAN
GET
STRON-
GER.



NOW
HURRY
UP
AND
GO.

TOM
LOVES
THIS
SORT
OF
THING.



SEID,
GOOD
LUCK.



THOUGH,
LET
ME
SAY
THIS—
DON'T
MIS-
UNDER-
STAND.

THIS
IS
WHAT
I'VE
DECIDED
FOR
MYSELF.

I'M
NOT
DOING
IT
FOR
YOU.



SHE'LL
KILL THEM...



STORY...
THOSE
TWO...
ARE NO
MATCH
FOR
HER...



PREPARE
YOURSELF,
TAMAKI.

THAT'S
RIGHT!
YOU'LL
NEED TWO
HEAVEN
ANGELS

LOOK
AT THAT
WOMAN
RIGHT
NOW.

LOOK
AT THAT
ANGEL.

SHE
LOOKS LIKE
SHE'S STILL
GOT TWO MORE
FORMS LEFT.
EVEN FOR A
PROFESSIONAL
HERO,
THIS IS TOO
MUCH...

WE'D
NEED A
MOBILE
SUIT OR
AN EVEN-
GELION
TO TAKE
THAT
THING
ON...



IN A FEW
MINUTES,
THE RUINS
WILL HAVE
ASSIMILATED
WITH ME AND
STABILIZED
MY SOUL.

ONCE THAT
HAPPENS,
I'LL DESTROY
THE TWO OF
YOU WHOLEY

WELL,
WELL,
I'VE GOT
YOU TWO
FURNED
OUT.

IF YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
GET
AWAY,
THEN
JUST
TRY IT.





SPEAK-
ING...
DIRECT
ORDERS

I
TOLD YOU I
DIDN'T NEED
REPEATING
ACTIONS.

CAPTAIN!



THAT
VOICE...
TOM
IS THAT
YOU?

HMM?





UWOAH!



A woman
wouldn't be
deadly
now.

IS HE
REALLY
HUMAN
...?

















LITTLE
FLY.





#43 VIRUS

TABOOTATTOO



BUT...

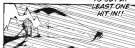
SO THIS
IS THE
END
FOR ME
TOO



A
POSS-
THING



UNWILLING
TO GET IT
LEAST ONE
HIT IN!



I AMN'T
THE TYPE
TO STOP
DOWN













THE
PRINCESS
WAS
APPEARED!

AT
THREE
O'CLOCK



SHE'S
FLOATING
IN
MID-
AIR!





WHAT ABOUT PERMISSION FROM THE PRESIDENT...

B...BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE THE DISCRETION BUTTON TO A NUKIE??



IF WE LET HER ESCAPE NOW, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID A WAR WITH THE KINGDOM!!



.....
FORGIVE ME, BOYS



.....



WE CAN'T LEAVE THIS IN THE HANDS OF THAT STUPID PRESIDENT THE IDIOTIC MASSES CHOSE LIKE IT WAS SOME CELEBRITY POPULARITY CONTEST!!

THE GUYS WHO RUN THIS COUNTRY WON'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A DAMN THING!



NOW'S THE TIME TO MAKE A CHOICE!



**FORGIVE
ME, EASY!**

**ARYA!
THIS
IS HOW
THE U.S.
DOES
THINGS!**

**YOU
CAN
LICK
MY ASS
WHEN
I SEE
YOU IN
HELL!!**



WOOOOAH!

**W-W-W-W
CAPTAIN!**







WAAA
—?

SEIJI—
ACCA—
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?!



.....



SOME-
BODY
JUMPED
FROM THE
HELI-
COPTER!

WHAT'S
GONG
ON
DOWN
THERE
IT?



NO
MORE

.....Z.O....



I DON'T
WANT.....
TO LOSE
ANYBODY
ELSE!

SHUN
10



YOU
REALLY
ARE...AN
IDOT.....

...I TOLD
YOU TO
SURVIVE



WE'RE
STUPID
IDOTS
SHE
CAN'T
AROUND
IT
ALL
THE
TIMES.

WE CAN'T
PROTECT
ANYONE.

WE CAN'T
SAVE
ANYONE.

BB...IN
THE END,
YOU AND
I ARE THE
SAME.

I'M NOT EVEN
REMOTELY
QUALIFIED TO
CARRY THE
WEIGHT ON MY
SHOULDERS...

ALWAYS
CAN DO
BETTER
PEOPLE
DIE





...SO
LET ME
USE MY
LIFE TO
SAVE
EASY'S
!!



.....
I WILL
DEMY
MY-
SELF...





WHAT
HAPPENED
IT

H-
HE'S
ALIVE
IT



EVEN
IF HE'S
STILL ALIVE,
THE FALL'S
GOING TO
KILL HIM!

HE'S
DONE
FOR!



THE
GOOD
DOES
STAY

!!!



IN THE
END...

...I'LL
HAVE TO
TAKE CARE
OF THINGS
MYSELF.



I THOUGHT
THAT IF HE
HAD ONE OR
TWO PEOPLE
CLOSE TO,
WELL ONE,
HE'D CHANGE
HIS WAY OF
THINKING...

...BUT
HE'S DONE
BETTER THAN
I EXPECTED.



...SUNDERS
GOING
BERZERK
WASN'T
SOMETHING
I'D
ANTICIPATED,
BUT...





TWO YEARS
DIFFERENT!

I'M
ALREADY
CON-
FUSED
BUT
NOT
SCARED
YET



WHAT'S
HAPPENING
IT

WH-
WHAT
IS
THIS
...?



THAT'S

SO MANY
VOICES IN MY
HEAD.....

WISE-
MAN,
YOU
ASS-
HOLE
!!!

THERE WERE
ACTUALLY
TWO WAYS
TO HAVE
SHUN-AN
CONFERED
WITH THE
PRINCESS
ON EQUAL
TERMS.

THE
SPELL
CREST
SEAL
AND... THE
SOURCE.

SHUN-AN
CHAPTER 4

IF YOU
THOUGHT
THE PRINCESS
WOULD
THREATEN
YOU
DIRECTLY,
YOU'RE
WRONG,
PRINCESS.



IN THE
SPELL CREST
DIMENSION,
WITH ITS HIGH
DEGREE OF
FREEDOM,
THERE'S NO
SUCH THING AS
A PERFECT
ONE-WAY LINK!



ONE WAS
ASCENDING FAST,
BUT SHE
WILL ONLY BE
CONSUMED BY
THEIR SOURCE
WHEN THEIR
SOURCE
DURNS OUT.

YOU
SUPPLIED
ME WITH
AN ENTRY
POINT ALL
ON YOUR
OWN!

BECAUSE
OTHERS WERE
CREATING A
LINK WITH
SENJI.



THE FUEL
FOR YOUR
SOURCE
IS YOUR
SISTERS'
SOULS.

OOOOOOWWWW~



I KNEW
YOU'VE
ALREADY
REALIZED
IT...



PRO-
GRESS...
IS...
AS...

THIS
SENSA-
TION...
HE'S
BEARING
THIS!

YOU...
YOU
BASTARD !!

PROtec-
TION HALL
FORMED.
WE'RE
LEAVING.
COM-
MENDING
PROCESS
—





THIS
MAKES YOU
PERFECTLY
EVENT!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO
FIGHT A BEAST THAT'S
APPEARED FROM
OUTSIDE OF LOGIC, IT'S
ONLY LOGICAL THAT
YOU OFFER ONE OF ITS
BRETHREN TO ACT AS
ITS COUNTERPART.



THE SOURCE
OF THE KEYLESS
SPELL CREST
WILL ACTIVATE THE
SPELL CREST SEAL
UNCONDITIONALLY
AND STRIP THEM
BOTH OF THEIR
VOID ARMOR.

THEN
THE NAKED
MONSTERS
WILL DEVOUR
EACH
OTHER.





A
CLASH
OF
EGOS!



THAT
WENT
ON
OUR
SIDE.....

...RIGHT?



ALL
RIGHT!
LET'S
BACK
'EM
UP!

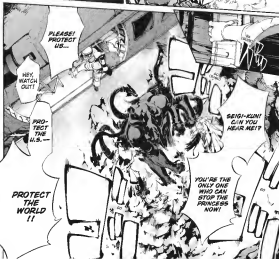


THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN DO
NOW...

THEY
REMOVED
THE
LAST
PORTANT
EVIDENCE
SHOWN
IN FRONT



SHIT!!



PLEASE!
PROTECT
US...

HEY
WATCH
OUT!

PRO-
TECT
THE
U.S. —

PROTECT
THE
WORLD
!!

SENGI-KUNI
CAN YOU
HEAR ME??

YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN
STOP THE
PRINCESS
NOW!



**PROTECT
OUR
JUSTICE—
ALL SIX
BILLION
OF US!!!**



**SEIGI-
KUN!!**





#44 DECISIVE BATTLE

T A B O O T A T T O O

DAMN
YOU,
WISE-
MAN...









— NO, IT WON'T.



YOU'RE WRONG —



SEIGI-
KUN!!!





YOUR
VOICE
REACHES
AN LOUD
AND
CLEAR.

TURKEY

**YOU
DEVELOP
NEW IDEAS**

YOU DID
IT! YOU
GOT OUT
OF HIS
GRASP!

DANN: HE
 HESITATED. HE
 KNEW I'D BE
 AGAINST THIS,
 SO HE DIDN'T
 TELL ME HOW
 IT WOULD GO.

**SAVE AGES
TO THE LIVING
AND BUSTLE
DOWN**

THE FIRST
THAT CAME
CONTRASTING
A THUNDER
HEAVEN
CONTRAST
CONTRAST
CONTRAST
CONTRAST
CONTRAST
CONTRAST

I'LL COME
 WHEN COME
 TAKE TAKE
 A-LEIGH
 BECAUSE I
 CAN'T SEE THE TRAIN
 ANYMORE

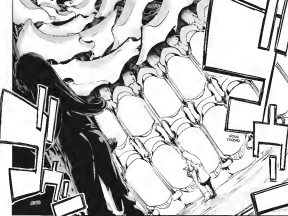




AND, ARYA!!

THE
SAME
GOES
FOR
YOU!!





WHAT...
ARE YOU
DOING...?

IT'S
DIFFER
PLACE.



STILL...
ALL...
BE
BETTER
SOON...

TO
FIND
A
TO
A
TO

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT...
NO
NEED
TO
WORRY.





I HAVE
A RESPONS-
IBILITY...TO
PROTECT
MY LITTLE
SISTERS...!

IF WE DON'T
CHOOSE A
SACRIFICE,
WE'LL ALL
PERISH!

EVEN WHEN
THE STRAIN OF
TWO SOURCES'
MANIFESTATIONS
IS DIVIDED UP
BETWEEN ALL
OF US SISTERS,
IT'S STILL TOO
MUCH.

I'M...
THE BIG
BROTHER...



SISTER
!!



HEH.....?
MY HEADACHE
STOPPED.



GO-
TER KID



ARYA.....
THAT
GOES FOR
YOU TOO.





THANKS
TO THAT,
I CAN
MOVE MY
BODY
NORMALLY

IT'S A GOOD
THING THE
SOURCE IS SO
SIMILAR TO A
HUMAN BODY.



...AND
I CAN
EXERCISE
MY POWER
TO ITS
FULLEST!



SHE'S
PAYING
FOR
RELYING
SO MUCH
ON HER
ABILITIES.

HEH
HEH,
VERY
GOOD

THE CONDITIONS
THEMSELVES ARE
EVEN, BUT FOR
THE UNTRAINED
PRINCESS, THAT'S
THE WORST THING
SHE COULD ASK
FOR.







UWOAAA!!



**DON'T
THINK
THIS
MEANS
YOU'VE
WON!!**









*I'M
COMPLETELY
HOPELESS
ON MY OWN*

~~~~~







THINGS ARE GOING TO GET BUSY FROM HERE ON OUT.



NOW, THEN ...



THERE WERE A NUMBER OF IRREGULARITIES, BUT THE MISSION RESULTS LUCKILY FELL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF OUR EXPECTATIONS.



AND THERE'S NO ASHET IN ME RETURNING TO THE U.S.

DON'T WORRY.

IF THINGS GO AS I'VE PREDICTED, THERE WILL BE NO WAR.



THIS EVERYTHING REALLY GOING TO BE DRAFT?

WE'LL BE ABLE TO AVOID WAR, WON'T WE, MEGAMART?



HE'S BETRAYING THE U.S. ONCE ALREADY.

IT'S NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION.

MAYBE HE INTENDS TO RETURN TO THE U.S.



OUR FIVE  
ARE NOT  
MEANT TO  
INTERACT  
WITH THIS  
WORLD.

WE WON'T  
INTERFERE  
WITH THE  
WILLS OF THE  
HUMANITY.

HAVE YOU  
FORGOTTEN  
OUR PRINCIPLE  
OF NONINTER-  
FERENCE?



WHY  
DON'T YOU  
CONSIDER  
YOUR FATE  
WHEN YOU  
MEET THE  
CHANCE?



IF THE END,  
WE ARE  
ACCEPTING  
WHAT THAT  
TOOK...

...THAT  
ARE TODAY  
BUT WE'RE  
FORGETTING  
OUR USE.

THAT'S  
WHY I  
DON'T  
DO IT.

IF YOU'RE  
SAYING WE  
SHOULD  
CONSIDER  
WITH THEM,  
THEN WE  
SHOULD  
NOT...  
THAT'S  
WHY I  
DON'T  
DO IT.

WE'RE  
ALREADY  
LOST  
THE MEANS  
OF OUR  
EXISTENCE.

YOUR  
FOUR  
EYES  
ARE  
NOT  
THE  
SAME  
AS  
THE  
OTHERS  
I

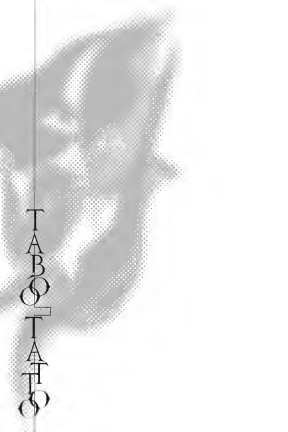
IF, IN THE  
FUTURE, WE  
MIGHT CUT OFF  
ALL RELATIONS,  
THEN NOW IS  
THE TIME FOR  
INTERVENTION.

YES.

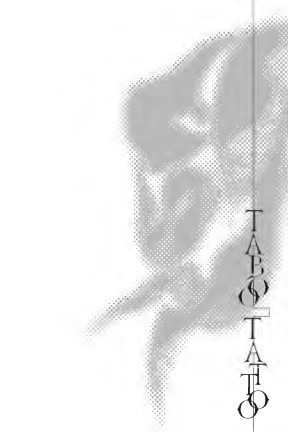
I WONDER  
WHAT THE  
REMAINING  
TWO THINK  
ABOUT  
THAT...?







# TABOO TATHS



# TABLO TATLO

# #45 RUNAWAYS

A FOSTER CARE

Since last gear, entry to nearly the entirety of the Grand Canyon has been severely restricted. Could that have anything to do with these recent events?

The Grand Canyon looks like it was the site of a battle last night. This morning, there were obvious signs of a recent fight.

The area was under high alert, and our station's helicopter couldn't get close to the premises.

The U.S. and the Kingdom have had a tense relationship in recent years, and some fear this means the harboring of war.

We've just received word that it suffered an attack by the Kingdom.

The government is investigating this incident and is requesting that the public avoid making speculations until details come to light...



HER BODY  
AND MIND  
TOOK A LOT  
OF DAMAGE  
AND IT'LL BE  
SOME TIME  
BEFORE SHE  
RECOVERS...

IT SEEMS  
SHE WAS A  
BRAINWASHED  
MOSTLY  
THROUGH  
THE USE OF  
VARIOUS  
DRUGS.



IN THE END,  
I DON'T  
KNOW THEM  
ONCE...

HA-HA-  
HA... NOT  
AS GOOD  
AS YOU,  
TANAKI-  
SAN.



TANAKI-  
SAN,  
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
YOU'RE  
STILL  
ALIVE.



HONESTLY,  
TANAKI,  
YOU'RE NOT  
NORMAL...



HMM?

WELL, I AM A  
PROFES-  
SIONAL  
HEMO, AFTER  
ALL.

YOU DID  
A GOOD  
JOB.

AND YOU,  
TOM—  
YOU WERE A  
PROFESSIONAL  
GEEKKICK!

EASY! WHAT  
HAPPENED TO YOUR  
INJURIES?

YOU  
MUST  
BE AN  
IMMORTAL  
ON PAR  
WITH  
SEIJI-  
KUN!

UNBELIEVABLE...

MOOOO

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
HEAR IT  
FROM A  
SUPER-  
HUMAN  
LIKE YOU,  
YAMAKI.

STOO-  
PID!

FIRST  
LIEUTENANT!

LISTEN,  
IT'S COM-  
PLICATED.

SPY: SOUND (THROTTLE) SOUND

I'M  
FINE!

WAIT!  
WAITE

HOLD  
UP!

ALL  
I'VE  
GOTTA  
DO IS  
LICK MY  
WOUNDS  
TO HEAL  
THEM!

STOP!  
STOOPI!

ALL I DID  
WAS GIVE  
HER FIRST  
AID.

ORAY THEN,  
LET ME  
SEE YOUR  
INJURIES—



...SO I'LL  
JUST GET  
TREATMENT  
AFTER I GET  
BACK TO  
JAPAN.

I'VE HEARD  
THAT IN THE  
STATES, IF  
YOU GO TO  
THE DOCTOR,  
YOU'LL GO  
BANKRUPT  
FROM THE  
MEDICAL  
BILLS...



WHAT'S  
THE  
MATTER,  
TAKAGI?



ANYWAY, WON'T  
THE JAPANESE  
GOVERNMENT  
FOOT THE BILL?

THE JAPANESE  
GOVERNMENT  
WOULD BE  
THE ONE  
FOOTING  
THE BILLS.

I  
JUST  
WANT

BUT...  
WELL, THAT  
DEPENDS  
ON THE  
CASE....



IN OUR  
CURRENT  
POSITION,  
WE CAN'T  
DO ANY-  
THING.

THE  
ARMY'S STILL  
QUARRELING.  
SO ALL WE CAN  
DO IS WAIT FOR  
HISAKI AND  
THE JAPANESE  
GOVERNMENT TO  
DEAL WITH THE  
SITUATION.

SO  
THERE'S  
NOTHING TO  
DO.

NOTHING  
TO DO!



I'M  
WONDERING IF  
THE U.S. WILL  
USE HIM AS A  
CARD IN THEIR  
NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH JAPAN  
AND, DEPENDING  
ON THE CASE,  
THE KINGDOM.

IS  
SEISHUN  
OKAY?

I DON'T  
KNOW...  
HE'S A VIP  
WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
THE SPELL  
CREST  
PROBLEM.  
SO HE'S  
BEING  
COM-  
PLETELY  
ISOLATED.



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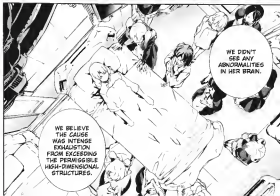


UH...  
IF YOU'RE  
OKAY WITH  
PIRATING  
IT...



THEY  
HAVEN'T  
BEEN  
LETTING  
ME GO  
ONLINE  
AND I  
CAN'T  
TAKE IT  
MUCH  
LONGER.

HEY, CAN  
I WATCH  
ANIME HERE  
TOOT?



WE DIDN'T  
SEE ANY  
ABNORMALITIES  
IN HER BRAIN.

WE BELIEVE  
THE CAUSE  
WAS INTENSE  
EXHAUSTION  
FROM EXCEEDING  
THE PERMISSIBLE  
HIGH-DIMENSIONAL  
STRUCTURES.









MM...  
I DON'T  
KNOW.

KASANE  
WAS THIS  
HOLE  
ALWAYS  
HERE?



SUN-  
TER  
CLASS!



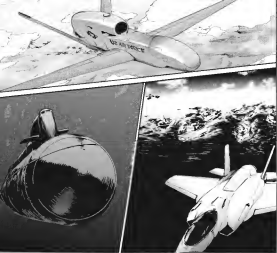
REMEMBERING  
H



OH, NOW  
THAT YOU  
MENTION IT,  
I'VE SEEN  
THIS HOLE  
BEFORE.

BACK WHEN  
THAT GUY  
WAS  
CALLING GAY  
SHOWED UP.





*THREE DAYS SINCE THE FIGHT IN THE GRAND CANYON*



...FROM THE  
SAMSARA  
FILES WE  
OBTAINED  
COVERTLY,  
AS WELL AS  
THE FILES  
THEMSELVES.

WE'RE  
PREPARED  
TO OFFER  
THE U.S.  
ALL OF  
THE NEW  
RESEARCH  
RESULTS  
WE'VE  
GAINED...

WE'RE  
READY TO  
COOPERATE  
ON ALL  
FRONTS.





We have one condition.

I'd like to be appointed as head of the project.

That's why it's important that you grasp the latest trends where Spell Crest research and its application as technology concerned as soon as possible to get ahead of the Kingdom.

We already have more technicians over here.

I'd probably be best for Japan and the U.S. to collaborate on this research.



The technology we have right now is equal to—if not superior to—that of the Kingdom.

We have no further needs to meet the Kingdom.

You don't have to worry about me leaving you.

I'm honest to myself.

OF ALL THE RESPONSIBLES...

WHO DOES THIS GUY THINK HE IS?



I DOUBT YOU'D BE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE QUALIFIED TO REPLACE ME IF YOU SEARCHED THE ENTIRE WORLD OVER.

BUT IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT, GO AHEAD—

IF YOU WON'T ACCEPT THIS CONDITION, I'M COMPLETELY PULLING OUT OF SPELL CREST RESEARCH.



...IS  
IT TRUE  
THERE ARE  
RUNES AT  
THE SOUTH  
POLE AS WELL?



Ah...  
WE'LL TAKE  
YOUR CONDITION  
INTO CONSIDER-  
ATION AND HAVE  
AN ANSWER FOR  
YOU IN A FEW  
DAYS.

The Poles Ruins  
Site unifies  
the four ruins  
and assumes  
the role of a  
command line  
for operating  
them.

Don't  
misunderstand.  
As far as my  
data showed,  
Spell Crests  
don't exist  
at the Poles  
Ruins Site.

You could  
call it the  
keystone.

Without it,  
you cannot  
control the  
ruins.



REQUIRING  
THE  
PREDICTED  
ACTIONS  
OF THE  
KINGDOM  
TO COME...

BY THE  
WAY, AS  
FOR THESE  
MATERIALS  
YOU  
GOT US  
BEFORE-  
HAND,



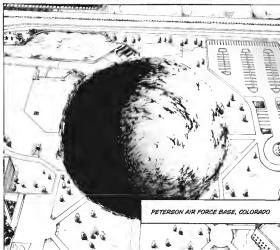


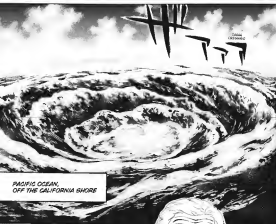
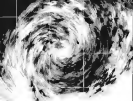






NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND







I trust  
you now  
under-  
stand the  
situation  
you're in?

I'm the  
one who  
just erased  
NORRIS  
and the U.S.  
fleets in  
the Pacific  
and Atlantic  
Oceans.



HMPH!

I'M  
CALLING  
YOUR  
BLUFF.

THE U.S.  
ARMY IS THE  
STRONGEST  
IN THE WORLD.  
THERE'S NO  
WAY WE'D FALL  
BEHIND YOU.



If  
you don't  
believe me,  
then I can  
erase a  
location  
at your  
choosing  
as well.

Now  
that I have  
the four  
ruins sites,  
I can erase  
whatever  
I want.



M...MR.  
PRESIDENT!

THAT  
ISN'T A  
VERY  
WISE—



IF  
YOU'RE SO  
CONFIDENT,  
THEN GO  
AHEAD AND  
ERASE  
THE WHITE  
HOUSE.











I HAVE  
ONLY ONE  
DEMAND  
FOR THE  
U.S.

AVOID THE  
OUTBREAK  
OF WAR.

I  
DON'T  
LIKE  
POINT-  
LESS  
FIGHT-  
ING.

SO  
SILENCE  
THOSE  
STUPID  
EAGLES  
IN YOUR  
COUNTRY.



Warn  
all your  
allies  
as well.

If I see you  
pull any stupid  
stunts, next  
time it'll be  
more than  
just the White  
House I erase.  
It'll be all of  
Washington, D.C.



SHE'S  
THREATENING  
THE ENTIRE  
WORLD...!?



In six  
months,  
bring  
the key  
to me.

...  
YOUR  
TO-  
HAND  
... ..

.....WE  
UNDER-  
STAND  
.....



And  
then  
we'll  
settle  
all  
this.

I  
HAVE  
ONE  
DEMAND  
FOR  
YOU AS  
WELL.

AND  
FOR  
YOU



...you  
know  
what'll  
happen,  
don't  
you?

.....

if you  
don't  
comply  
...



EVEN IF  
IT'S ALMOST  
TOTALLY IN  
LINE WITH MY  
THEORETICAL  
VALUES,  
IT'S STILL  
FRIGHTEN-  
ING.

SHE'S MISSING  
ONE KEY, SO TO  
GET THIS KIND  
OF OUTPUT FROM  
TWO INCOMPLETE  
ACTIVATIONS...



"GOD"  
KNOWS  
BETTER.

TRUE  
PEACE  
RULED BY  
FEAR.

THE  
END WILL  
NOT BE A  
TURBULENT  
STORM, BUT  
A BEAUTIFUL  
AND ORDERLY  
STILLNESS.



OR  
THE BOX

THE SPELL  
CRESTS  
ARE MINE.

I WON'T  
GIVE THEM  
TO THE  
PRINCESS.

—MY  
ONE.



virus ver. 3.1

MY  
PROM-  
ISING  
VIRUS  
IS STILL  
IN THE  
MIDST OF  
PRODUC-  
TION.

THIS IS NOT  
JUST A FIGHT  
BETWEEN THE  
PRINCESS AND  
SESH-KUN,  
BUT BETWEEN  
HER AND ME  
AS WELL.

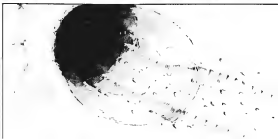
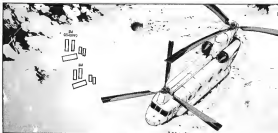


THE TRUTH  
SHALL BE  
MINE.....





ANTARCTICA





BRRR.  
COLD.

I FEEL  
LIKE I'VE  
BECOME THE  
FINAL BOSS  
IN A JRPG.

LIKE A  
LEVEL 5  
OR 7.

THE YEAR'S  
DARWIN AWARD  
DEFINITELY GOES  
TO THE U.S.  
PRESIDENT.



NAH.

AS  
LONG  
AS WE  
KNOW  
WHERE  
THEY  
ARE,  
I DON'T  
CARE.

HUMP



IT SEEMS  
THEY SNUGGLED  
THEMSELVES  
ABOARD A SHIP  
HEADED FOR  
JAPAN. WE'RE  
SENDING OUR  
PEOPLE OUT TO  
COLLECT THEM.



YES,  
MAM.

BY  
THE WAY,  
HAVE WE  
LOCATED  
SYLINA AND  
THE OTHERS  
WHO LEFT  
SANGARAT?



I DON'T  
HAVE TO  
DRAG THEM  
BACK HOME.  
THEY'LL COME  
OF THEIR FREE  
WILL.

THEY'RE  
VERY  
ATTACHED  
TO ME.

LOOK  
HOW  
BIG THE  
OCEAN IS,  
SISTER!

WOW!  
AMAZ-  
ING!

SYLVA,  
PIPE  
DOWN...

IT'S  
FRIGGIN'  
GIGANTIC,  
SIS!!

THE  
OCEAN'S  
INCREDI-  
BLY BIG!

TO BE CONTINUED

# AFTERWORD

THE "LEGEND OF THE  
STRONGEST PEN"  
VOLUME



8PM, BOOOOOH (BAGGALING)



DID YOU  
THINK  
IT WAS  
GOING  
TO END  
WITH  
THIS  
VOLUME?



IN THE  
NEXT  
VOLUME,  
THREE  
SPOTTERS  
GET OUT  
OF THE  
HOUSE  
AND GET  
BOOTS  
AND  
WEIGHTS  
GET  
HIS  
BACK  
TO THE  
WALL

EVEN  
I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
OUTCOME  
AWAITS  
THEM!!

⇒ SPECIAL THANKS! ERI HARUNO #44



## THE BUREAU'S HAND



## THE LAWS OF THE WINGED TRIBES



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